REMARKS

Claims 5 and 12 have been amended in order to incorporate in claim 5 the independent claim 1 from which claim 5 depends, and to have claim 12 also depend on claim 5.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

KRATZ, QUINTOS & HANSON, LLP

Mel R. Quintos Attorney for Applicants Reg. No. 31,898

MRQ/lrj/ipc

Atty. Docket No. **080188** Suite 400 1420 K Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005 (202) 659-2930

23850

PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE